

U.S. Crop Production Highlights

The following information was released by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board on September 12, 2000. Forecasts refer to September 1.

Corn production is forecast at 10.4 billion bushels, unchanged from the last forecast, but up 10 percent from 1999. Yields are expected to average 141.8 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel per acre from August, but up 8.0 bushels from a year ago. If realized, this would be the largest production and yield on record. Acreage for grain harvest is estimated at 73.1 million acres, unchanged from August.

Soybean production is forecast at a record-high 2.90 billion bushels, down 3 percent from August 1, but 10 percent above 1999. Yields are expected to average 39.5 bushels per acre, down 1.2 bushels from last month, but 3.0 bushels above 1999. Acreage for harvest is estimated at a record 73.5 million acres, unchanged from last month, and up 1 percent from 1999.

All cotton production is forecast at 18.3 million 480-pound bales, down 4 percent from last month, but up 8 percent from 1999. Yields are expected to average 622 pounds per harvested acre, down 26 pounds from last month. The condition of the cotton crop deteriorated since last month, especially in the Delta and Southwest regions. Continued drought and extremely high temperatures resulted in additional stress on the crop. Harvested acreage, at 14.1 million acres, reflects an increase from August 1 of 30,000 acres in Arkansas and decreases of 30,000 acres in Louisiana, 60,000 acres in Mississippi, and 5,000 acres in California.

All wheat production is placed at 2.30 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the August forecast, but down fractionally from 1999. The yield is forecast at 42.3 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from last month.

Total Precipitation (Inches)

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